jealousy of her Majesty's safety and hatred of her enemies, many times hardly restrained by the officers from doing violence to the prisoners on the way Then do they curse, ban and revile them with the most opprobrious speeches they can invent, and commonly applaud the instant of their deaths with a general shout of joy, and cries of * God save the Queen and confound all traitors ', whereas they do usually accompany all other kinds to their deaths with a kind of feeling of sorrow and compassion

^^th January THE SCOTTISH AMBASSADOR GIVEN AUDIENCE

To-day the Lord Wemyss was given audience by the Queen who taxed the King of Scots with unkindness in that he goes about to make a new league with the French King, to which he answereth that it is but the renewing of the old When he had drawn to an end the Queen willed him to assure the King, his master, that when he had tried all his new friends, he should find that her kindness overweighted all theirs , to which he replied, ' As you have, madam, proved his love and fidelity to have been above that which you can expect at the rest of your kind friends* hands * Coming forth from the Privy Chamber he asked the Lord Chamberlain for Sir Robert Cecil ' Why, sir,[5] said he, [c] he was within[9]

* By my soul,[5] said Lord Wemyss, * I could not see him '

* No marvel,' said Sir George Carey, [c] being so little *

Whereat the Lord Wemyss burst out of laughing

z$tb January THE IRISH REBELLION

Rebellion is now broken out in Ireland and if forces be not sent both Enmskillen and all the North will be lost Such is the strong combination of the Earl of Tyrone that there is not

any dare show himself a dutiful subject

THE VACANT SOLICITORSHIP

Mr Francis Bacon's friends at Court now deal with the Queen for his advancement to the Sohcitorship, for if he get not promotion, he declareth that he will travel But my Lord of Essex carrying the matter somewhat too far, her Majesty sweareth that if Mr Bacon continue in this manner, she will seek all England for a Solicitor lather than take him She hath